

October 12, 2023

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Eric Orsborn, Buckeye, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – 11:30 a.m.
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, AZ 85003; Virtual Option Available

The Transportation Policy Committee meeting has been scheduled at the time and place noted above. The meeting is open to in-person attendance for both committee members and the public. Virtual options are also available. Members of the committee wishing to attend virtually will receive instructions via email. Members of the public not attending in person may view the meeting via a live video stream on MAG's [YouTube Channel](#).

Opportunities will be provided to members of the public to provide public comments. Those attending in person may address the committee during the appropriate comment period(s). For those not attending in person, written comments relating to this meeting may be submitted online at azmag.gov/comment. Comments must be received at least **two hours prior** to the posted start time for the meeting. Comments received by the deadline will be provided to members of the committee in advance of the meeting for consideration. Comments received after the deadline will be provided to committee members at the next scheduled meeting of the committee, except for comments specific to an agenda item for that meeting. Please note that comments for specific agenda items received after the deadline will not be forwarded and would need to be resubmitted prior to the next meeting of the committee.

In 1996, the Regional Council approved a simple majority quorum for all MAG advisory committees. If the Committee does not meet the quorum requirement, members who have joined the meeting will be notified that a legal meeting cannot occur, and the meeting will end. Your participation in the meeting is strongly encouraged.

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cc: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committees



Transportation Policy Committee

TENTATIVE AGENDA

October 18, 2023

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, informational items, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action.

Members of the public who are attending the meeting in person are asked to fill out a Request to Speak card and provide it to MAG staff. Those attending virtually are provided the option of submitting written comments related to this meeting through the MAG website at azmag.gov/comment, and indicate for which meeting the comment is intended. Comments must be received at least two hours prior to the posted start time for the meeting. Comments received by the deadline will be provided to members of the committee in advance of the meeting. Comments received after the deadline will be provided to committee members at the next scheduled meeting of the committee, except for comments specific to an agenda item for that meeting. Please note that comments for specific agenda items received after the deadline will not be forwarded and would need to be resubmitted prior to the next meeting of the committee.

Comments must not exceed three minutes in length. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item unless the Chair requests an exception to this limit. Please note that members of the public

attending in person may comment on agenda items posted for action at the time the item is heard.

Action Requested:
Information.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT *

4. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the Consent Agenda, members of the public attending in person will be provided with an opportunity to comment on consent items. Committee members also are requested to review any written/online public comments received for the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

Action Requested:
Approval of the Consent Agenda.

***4A. Approval of the September 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the September 20, 2023, Transportation Policy Committee meeting minutes.

Action Requested:
Approval.

***4B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Changes**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2025 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the MOMENTUM 2050 MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) were approved by the Regional Council on December 1, 2021, and have since been amended 18 times.

Since approval of the last amendment, additional changes and modifications are needed. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the Fiscal Year 2022-2025 MAG TIP and MOMENTUM 2050 MAG RTP.

4C. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans Regional Targets

Federal regulations require that all recipients and sub-recipients of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds establish Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP). These PTASP are intended to improve public transportation safety by guiding transit agencies to more effectively and proactively manage safety risk in their systems, per regulation 49 CFR part 673. The MAG region has three agencies that are required to develop PTASP: City of Phoenix, Valley Metro RPTA, and Valley Metro Rail. MAG has facilitated coordination meetings with these agencies to work collaboratively towards addressing regional PTASP requirements and to develop annual targets for committee review. The collectively developed targets are recommended for approval by the applicable agencies. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Recommend approval of regional Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan targets.

***4D. Revisions to the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures: Federal Fund Advancement**

The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) is the financial management tool for the arterial street component of the Proposition 400 program. The ALCP provides a listing of arterial projects funded through the dedicated half-cent transportation sales tax and maintains the fiscal constraint of the life cycle program over the remainder of the 20-year sales tax. The program is guided by the ALCP Policies and Procedures. This agenda item represents an amendment to the ALCP Policies and Procedures to add a new Section 280: Federal Fund Advancement. This would provide an opportunity for lead agencies to advance federal funds previously deferred out of the funded program. Please refer to the attached material.

Action Requested:

Recommend approval of the proposed revisions to the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. **Diamond Grind Pilot Program Update**

On June 24, 2020, the MAG Regional Council, in partnership with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), approved the diamond grind pilot program to explore the use of concrete-based surface treatments as an alternative to a rubberized asphalt overlay. The majority of the rubberized asphalt overlay was originally implemented in the early 2000s to provide traffic noise reduction benefits throughout its 10-year service life. However, there is no dedicated funding source for the replacement of the rubberized asphalt once past its useful life. As such, ADOT and MAG initiated the pilot program to identify alternatives to rubberized asphalt with lower life cycle costs that still provide supplemental noise reduction benefits. Since that time, two of the three approved pilot projects have been completed. Additionally, ADOT has diamond ground several more sections of the regional freeway system because of operational concerns over the condition of the aged rubberized asphalt.

MAG, in partnership with ADOT, initiated several efforts to assess the impact of diamond grinding. These efforts included an independent freeway noise analysis study and the development of a comprehensive life cycle cost model. On February 16, 2022, an update on these findings was provided to the Transportation Policy Committee. At that meeting, the committee requested that MAG staff provide further information on best practices implemented by peer regions. In response, MAG contracted with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), a national leader in transportation research. The review has since been completed and the findings have been incorporated as part of the ongoing assessment of the pilot program. This agenda item will provide a comprehensive overview of the findings. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

6. Freeway Life Cycle Program Update: Federal Funding Redistribution

The Freeway Life Cycle Program (FLCP) is the financial management tool for the implementation of freeway and highway projects funded through Proposition 400. In addition to Maricopa County's dedicated half-cent sales tax for transportation, program funding sources also include a portion of state Highway User Revenue Funds and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) formula funding allocated to the state.

FHWA funding is distributed annually on a use-or-lose basis; every summer, a nationwide process is held to redistribute funding from states or programs that are unable to use their allocation before the end of the federal fiscal year. This past fiscal year, a historically large amount of funding was available. As part of the redistribution process, the FLCP received more than \$80 million in additional funding. The majority of this increase will help offset project cost escalations due to inflation; however, a portion is available to potentially advance project development activities for freeway and highway projects funded in the first phase of the Proposition 400 extension plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

7. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Transportation Policy Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

Action Requested:

Information.

9. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Transportation Policy Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Transportation Policy Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Action Requested:

Information.

Adjournment